



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
2519 & 2522 Boundary Street Site
2519 & 2522 Boundary Street, Beaufort, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through March 3, 2013.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 12-6139-NRP, will affect approximately 0.8 acres identified by tax map numbers R100 029 000-117-000 and R100 029 000-0121-000. A company known as Hamilton Development, Inc. (Hamilton Development) wants to buy the property from its current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Hamilton Development.

The property was used as an automobile dealership and an automobile repair facility. General location uses around the property include Boundary Street to the north, commercial property to the east, and mixed residential and commercial property to the south and west.

Hamilton Development intends to redevelop the Property as an automobile parts dealership. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Hamilton Development to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution. Hamilton Development did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold Hamilton Development responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, Hamilton Development will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, Hamilton Development will test soil and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, Hamilton Development will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/publicnotice.htm>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through March 3, 2013. Questions or comments may be directed to Alex Fulmer, email FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.